

These are our
"hot" ships I
couldn't land at
First.

LUBBOCK ARMY FLYING SCHOOL
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

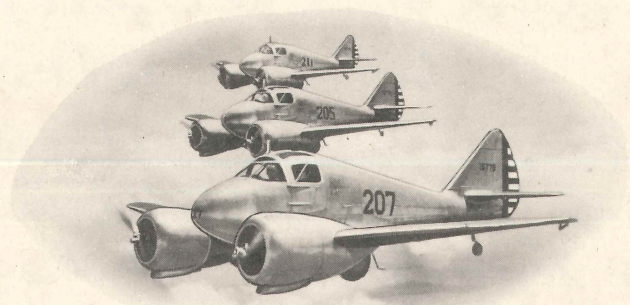
Saturday, morning
Nov. 7, 1942

Howdy, Folks,

Says I to myself, say, say I, think I'll write
me Maw, so here I am! - Hard luck for your side!
We get a real break on Saturdays, - no P.T., so I'll
spend the time or at least part of it musing
around awhile. - So you mind?

We had hopes of having our first Sunday
off, tomorrow, - but that has gone by the board, as of
yesterday. - We were weathered on the ground all day
yesterday, last night - and so far today from the looks
of things. - At least this morning's group aren't flying
and the 200 ft ceiling shows no signs of lifting
so guess we'll sit around again. If we do we will
probably fly next Sunday, too! - Not flying gets us
nowhere in a hurry plus having to sit around the
flight line for 5 or 6 hrs. - It wouldn't be so bad if
we'd be excused to come back to the barracks & stuff.
Guess we do all right anyhow, tho, cause most of us
get away for an hour or so at a time anyhow. They'd
have to keep a guard on a bunch of Cadets to really
keep 'em confined when we get the roving spirit!

While I'm thinking of it - Last Sunday when we flew - we flew formation most all afternoon. - Well, Buddy (Lewis) took his movie camera up with him and got some shots when he was acting as co-pilot. He don't remember how they were - probably not too hot with it being our first formation in these '6's, and as I remember, it wasn't a very close formation even. Anyhow - here's the dope - He, having lived in Washington & stuff, sends his films there with his home address in N.C. as the return one after they are developed. Well, we figured it this way - He will put my address on em, Eastman's will send them to you, - you can run them through the projector, and then send them on to his folks. - OK? There's no telling what's on em as they are his and he hasn't quite finished them. He'll send them on whenever they are finished - 1, 2, or 3 wks so don't worry if they don't show up. - I'm just writing this while I can think of it and will try to let you know when he sends them. - Also while I think of it - as I remember, I was flying a plane with the numbers 523 painted on the side. - If it turns out to be some other number - think nothing about it as we fly different ships each day, and I got the numbers mixed. - In any event - there were only 3 planes in the formation, and if he took the pictures from one - that only leaves two left - and the instructor always flies the ~~the~~ leading plane, regardless of the type formation, so little Frankie musta been in the tother one, verdad? also, here are the pictures I said the Army took



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of us when we first arrived in Lubbock. - What's "Smilin Jack" got on me? - All right, I know, never mind! -

Our upper-class graduates this coming Tuesday. (Incidentally, they aren't getting a furlough!) Don't know just what kind of exercises they will have, but 'tis rumored we will fly for part of the ceremonies, trying to scare the spectators to death! -

Sat. mite 9:45 P.M.

No open post for us this weekend. - We're flying tonight - our first night. We are just getting checked out in these ships at night. Think we have to shoot 4 or 5 landings with an instructor and that's that. It wouldn't have taken so long 'cept where we were over on the auxiliary field a ground fog rolled in on us. - We returned to the main air base and now have to stand by. There's another squadron using home base, so when they get through, we can start! - as I'm the last man on my instructor's list - they won't get to me till about 2 o'clock. - Ho hum! - Tomorrow being Sunday, it means I can sleep till I please - 'cause no ground school - but we fly again tomorrow

can find a copy. - I've got some pictures out of a magazine I want to send you, too. - they are pictures of the plane we fly. - All - bye for now. - be good. - All of you! Love, Frank

afternoon + night - and then Monday on we'll be on the morning schedule again. Right now, I think they're trying to get us all checked out at night so we can start our night formations. - And I used to beg for a chance to fly! - Oh - well. that's what I joined the Kaydettes for - to fly! Who am I to say anything? -

I ordered ~~two~~ part of my officer's uniform the other day. I got a blouse (coat to you) for \$35, and two pair of officer's "pinks" as they called their slacks. - These at \$12.50 a throw. - I got a real good fit with not a thing needing to be done to the pants except making them the right length. The sleeves on the blouse needed shortening + otherwise - Everything was o.k. - I still have shirts at \$10 + \$12 a piece to buy, plus a cap, ~~top~~ coat and other incidentals - I'm trying to have something left from my \$50 clothing allowance - but I can see not too much.

Thanks for the clippings on the new ~~old~~ Pentagon building - it sure must be a whooper - but then the govt. likes to do things in a big way. Also, thanks for your offer to buy me the ring sister, but it's too much money - you'll need it for something else one of these days. -

They just called me - all flying has been called off - the ground fog has reached here now. So what, it's too late to go to town - so I'll spend a very exciting evening reading + sleeping - The reading for entertainment will be novel anyhow - I haven't even read a magazine in ages. -

Oh, yes - one of the fellows got a book "See Here, Private Haygrove" - It's real good - and gives a perfect description of one's first days in the "G.I." Army - read it if you